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**CTWG COMMANDERS' CALL
MINUTES
6 September 2006**

Attendance

WING COMMANDER
VICE COMMANDER
CHIEF OF STAFF
SR. ADVISOR TO COMMANDER
STATE DIRECTOR
103RD COMP. SQ - CT004
SILVER CITY COMP. SQ. - CT014
STRATFORD EAGLES COMP. SQ - CT022
169TH COMPOSITE SQUADRON – CT027
399TH COMPOSITE SQUADRON – CT042
C. K. HAMILTON COMP. SQ. – CT058
NORTHWEST HILLS COMP. SQ. – CT062
ROYAL CHARTER COMP. SQ. – CT071
CT MINUTEMEN COMP. SQ. – CT073
DANIELSON CADET SQ. – CT074
THAMES RIVER COMP. SQ. – CT075
DIRECTOR OF SAFTY
LOGISTICS
DDR

Name:

COL JENSEN
MAJ VALLEAU
LT COL HUCHKO
COL PALMER (NP)
MR. ISABELLE
CAPT KINSKY
CAPT JUDD (REP)
MAJ OESTREICHER
MAJ MAGURNY
LT DELLAVECCHIA (EX)
CAPT TRUJILLO
MAJ MAFFIA
CAPT DILL
LT BODWELL (NP)
MAJ PROVOST
LTC KINCH
LT COL STIDSEN (EX)
LT COL BRIGNOLA
LT MC BRIDE

(REP) Representative, (NP) Not Present, (EX) Excused

Meeting called to order at 1930 by Colonel Jensen.

COL JENSEN

- Colonel Jensen presented a Commander's Commendation to Lt Col Brignola that was given out at the Wing Conference.
- He also presented the Garber award to Lt Col Lawrence Kinch
- You should have all gotten my memo on the Great Start program that National has instituted. It specifically is aimed at senior member retention and is a participatory program. The unit has a guide to use this. As soon as we get seniors participating, into Level I and in a specialty track the better. General Pineda has made it very clear that this is not an elective program—this is something that has to be done.

- The OPSEC training needs to be done. It takes about 15 minutes. It has to be done. Your senior members have to get this done.
- I also sent the commanders a note on the calendar application. The use of the calendar application is specifically meant to keep you informed what is going on at Wing. Also, Wing can use this when they want to plan activities. All commanders have access to the calendar application. It is easy to use. If you have any questions, contact Lt Col Huchko. Please keep an eye on your activities and see what Wing has updated.
- People are under no obligation to go with the new style of uniform. As long as it is worn correctly.
- I have had a bunch of hats made up with the SAR dog logo. The cost is \$10 and can be worn with the optional uniform. We have them in stock and you can see Lt Col Huchko to get a hat. (Huchko: We don't except cash at Wing—we take only checks. Checks are your documentation and ours that you paid for anything here at Wing.)
- We have five aircraft now. 998 will be sold sometime in mid September.
- "O" flights. Our last wing-wide "O" day was a success. We want to get all the squadrons to participate—this is one reason why we want the calendar updated by every squadron. We tentatively scheduled this day for November 18. We will put a rain date sometime after that.
- Rockets are here. CV will speak to that. Competition will be October 21.
- Big E – Eastern States Exposition. Most of you have gotten my note about this. The largest fair in this part of the country. More than half the people are from MA and CT. This is an opportunity for us. I have given everyone the contact number of the person in MA if you want to help out. This not a fundraiser—there is no money earned on this. This is purely a participatory, non-fund event.
- Wing Conference—Scheduled for April 28. Our last Wing conference was great but you can always do better. I would like to see a full turnout of the squadrons. Northwest Hills will be the host this year.
- Cadet Competition—It will be here before you know it. We will give you a firm date on that. Last time we had three units—we need to get everyone involved. It will be sometime in March 2007.
- PA will be putting together an Honor Guard. NY reigned in this for a long time. Most of their cadets have grown up and moved on. The more units that participate in the cadet competition will make it better for us.
- I gave you all recruiting posters several months ago. Have they gone anywhere? (Stores, schools, FBO's, etc. One of the posters is definitely geared toward cadets.
- If you need more materials, you can contact National to get more.
- Jensen-How should I distribute emails to cadets—through commanders or CAC. I will speak to CAC this evening. As a matter of policy, when I send emails to cadets I will send to commanders for distribution. National prefers that we refer to cadets as cadets or officers.

MAJOR VALLEAU

- For those who have member-owned radios you need to have them programmed by us only if you do the OPSEC agreement. It is only for seniors but cadets can take it too. Cadets who are dealing with radios need to take this so get this out to your cadets.
- Permission to do things from the squadrons. If something is short notice, I will not have an issue with but I need to know about it. Send me a simple mail—that will work for now. I don't see us denying anything but we need to have forms, etc.
- Commowise – radios in squadrons we have a new repeater in Glastonbury-Channel 7. Squadrons who have radios should check into the net. If they haven't, please start doing so.
- Rockets-before your departure tonight in the front office I have rockets and engines. Before you depart tonight, each one of you please see Lt Col Huchko to get a \$50 check to be used toward glue, paint, etc. This is in addition to the rockets you are getting.
- This is for the cadets. It will be fun having them build them. There are a minimum of two engines per rocket. Please work on this and have them ready before the launch date of October 21. The whole purpose of this is to have fun with your cadets.
- I will be contacting two of the rocket clubs in CT to see if they would like to bring some of their higher power stuff to our rocketry day. Also will speak to them about competition rules, etc.
- I will be publishing criteria for the rocketry competition through phase II of the rocketry program. Next year's competition will go through phase III. We will publish the rules of engagement long before the competition date. Safety, obviously, will be a concern.
- Lt Col Stidsen is now our IG. This Wing has not had any subordinate unit inspections for a very long time. Lt Col Stidsen will be putting out a schedule with the inspection dates for each squadron. National IG has told us that we need to get this done. The SUI is more of a management consulting to make things better. You always come away learning something and improving something. Something will come out soon.
- Lt Col Brignola—are all vehicles reports in? Brignola—No. We are missing 14, 58, 42, 71, 21. Some are in the mail.
- A couple months ago I asked you all to submit to me through email your fundraisers. October 1 is the start of the fiscal year. I will try to get to you prior to next months cc a list of what you all submitted to me. Make sure it is correct. Let me know whether it is correct or if something is missing because of October 1, if that fundraiser is not on the list it is not authorized. The Wing Commander needs to make sure that everything is approved per regulations. We are trying to cover ourselves with National.
- Several years ago there was money earned. There is no longer a pot of money given to CAP. It is purely to be there in your uniform and do public relations-type recruiting.

- If you email me and I don't respond in a couple days, contact me. My spam filter is working overtime.
- I'm trying to cut the meeting time down as much as I can. I really like the sheet that Major Oestreicher used to present his squadron information tonight. Can we do this? This may cut our meeting times down quite a bit. If you want to do it, you can.
- (Oestreicher as PDO—National will be doing away with ECI 13.

LT COL HUCHKO

- When you put calendars in, where it asks for title of project, precede by CT--- so it is easier to know what squadron it is.
- We have a Nurse Officer at Wing. His name is Lt Michael Bafuma. He is not able to be here tonight but has given me information on what his job is and what he will be doing at wing. I will pass out his information sheet.
- Cadet Ball—October 28. Checks need to be made out to CTWG CAP. Need to be in by October 4.
- Squadron Histories—those are due the first of the year. Please start putting together your squadron histories. These are important. CKH has their history from 1941 up through last year. Very interesting reading. Important so that as you go down the road, new seniors will see what you have accomplished.
- SUI-Are to help you. When I was commander I worked with the IG and his tips and consulting helped us to grow and mature as a squadron. These SUI's are there to help us.
- Please be careful when you put your people in for promotion. I have been doing a lot of the footwork for these promotions. I will be sending them back if they are not complete with information and documents. Special Promotions need to go to Wing CC for signature. He needs to see that all the qualifications are met. For higher than Captain it needs Region approval and they need to know that the documentation is correct. Region wants to make sure that we are doing them the right way. Make sure your people have their COP, Loening, Garber. These are what show that your people have completed all of their requirements. Once they are posted on the National site, you can then go into Duty Performance on your computer and it should say they are eligible for promotion. If you don't put the stuff in, National will not second guess. You need documentation for the COP, Loening and Garber awards. They are not assuming anything.
- Jensen—If a promotion does not appear on the National database, he or she cannot wear the promotion rank. For special promotions and duty promotions Colonel Jensen needs to see the documentation. Colonel Diduch is a stickler with documentation. We don't want CT to get a reputation of being loosey goosy on promotions. Make sure your t's are crossed and I's dotted.
- The database for duty performance is an automatic database where the database checks for all the skill levels needed. When you start getting into the higher promotions you, as commanders, have to document the skills. National does not want a say so—oh yes he did it.
- Jensen—Awards. You don't have to wait until Wing Conference to give out awards. You can give out an award any time of the year. Commanders'

Commendation which requires my signature and the other is the Meritorious Service award which also requires Region. Criteria is listed in the regs. These can be awarded at any time. As far as once a year awards, if you don't nominate people they cannot be awarded.

CT074

- Had a busy August. Aug 5 – worked on a Habitat House
- Aug 11, 12 & 13 – squadron training
- Aug 26 worked on Habitat House again
- Sept 9 – parking detail for Camp Rell – only have 9 – need more cadets and seniors (Jensen-Guard has been good to us—if you can spare some people to help that would be great.)
- Sept 24 – Simsbury Air Show
- Sept 30 – hiking – need to get in shape for next years 50-mile walk
- Oct 1 – hiking – need to get in shape for next years 50-mile walk

CT022

- We have a lot of activities coming up.
- Trumbull Day fundraiser in late June was done with much rain.
- The Norwalk Oyster Festival will start on Friday, September 8, 2006 and continue until Sunday, September 10, 2006.
- Summer Cookout August 19, 2006. Very well attended.
- Rocketry Program – 24 cadets started Stage 1.
- Colby Connelly, was chosen to be the Cadet Commander from August 19, 2006 until January 2007.
- Two new senior members passed the Level I/CPPT last week and another new member join.
- 1Lt Meghan Brownell passed her ECI 13 test and will be promoted to Captain as soon as possible.
- I attended National Staff College in July 2006 as a Seminar Advisor for the second time.
- Eagle Weekend is going to be September 23 and 24, 2006. It is sort of a mini-encampment with a lot of PT and training.
- We just bought all new CAP covers, new red shirts and new black shirts for all of our members with the SESCAP logo, a new reflective sign over the SESCAP garage for advertising, a newly designed website, and will be buying SESCAP logo jackets for the whole squadron (or those who want one).
- We received from members two used computers to use at the squadron.
- We had five new cadets join this past summer.
- Bombers over Bridgeport will be September 5, 6 and 7.

CT058

- Had out annual fundraiser—Balloons Over Plainville
- Will be having a gun safety marksmanship program
- Doing a lot of “O” flights

- Have ten cadets and four seniors to help at the Simsbury Air Show
- Are having ground school training on Saturdays
- Hope to get Luis Gonzalez, our pilot, get his Form5 so he can fly the cadets
- Have three new cadets, two new pilots, one new senior
- Have a new senior member who transferred in from NER, Lt Col Richard Levitt
- Had two Mitchell awards on 29th.
- Will be having a field trip for the squadron to Oshkosh next year. We are going to see how we can make it work.

CT004

- Had a SAREX in early August
- Doing ES training in the squadron
- Have several new cadets and seniors
- Sept 16 – will have a day trip to the Intrepid
- Will be assisting at the Simsbury Fly In

CT075

- Spent the summer doing operational training (glass cockpit, solos, mission scanners)
- Adopted a Boy Scout troop in the area and taking them through the aviation merit badge program. One of the scouts is going for his Triangle Aviation Badge—we are helping train him. I expect to get a few cadets out of this program.
- Collins Foundation wants us to help guard the B-24 planes when they come to Groton.
- Operating our squadron out of an old 25-year old trailer. Millstone has a module trailer that they are getting rid of. They are willing to give to us. Have been speaking with Wing Commander about this. We are spending our days going out looking for grant money to help pay the cost of this.

CT027

- Am project coordinator for the Simsbury Fly In. If any of the other squadrons want to send representatives and help, please let her know.
- Hebron fair this weekend so can't help at Camp Rell.
- October 24 – open house. Have advertised in newspapers, posters in banks, schools and on the community bulletin board and in grocery stores.
- One cadet almost ready for Mitchell

CT071

- Representative Sawyer definitely signed on to the Legislative Squadron and will be flying on September 15. Would like to make a little SAREX that day with two planes to show her what we do.
- Fundraisers-plane wash
- Will try to participate in the Hebron Fair
- Have a large number to help at the Simsbury Fly In
- Am interested in the Big E

- Have been doing rockets all summer
- AE Officer has read material and mapped out plan for AE in the squadron
- Potential Chaplain joining the squadron
- Two senior members are interested in mission work
- Have a lot of pilots interested in joining the squadron
- Berlin and Cichocki are FROs in the squadron

CT062

- Had ES training earlier in the month.
- Have one new senior and one prospective senior.
- I had one senior who transferred to National—Dave Rosati
- Two seniors who moved to another state
- Cadet change of command soon
- Sept 22-24-fundraiser at Kent - Antiques

CT014

- Had “O” flights in August
- Had a short ES training weekend
- Cadet Change of Command
- Two new cadets
- Will do a Roaring 20’s car show – parking
- 22-24 Sept – Durham Fair

LTC Isabelle

- Nothing to report

LT MC BRIDE

- You can still get money for the squadron if you invite the public to any of your activities. You can get 80% refunded of your expenses. I will email the slide presentation to the commanders. I need a DDRO from each of the squadrons. We also need a cadet DDRO from each squadron. Please send me a 2a for each of these people. It is an exciting program working with the community. You can still get approval for these activities.

Meeting adjourned at 2110 local. Dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cassandra Huchko, LTC, CAP
CTWG CS/DP